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I specifically and our office generally are OS agnostic. What we want is a computer and OS that utilize and imbed open standards so that no matter which hardware or OS we choose to use can co-exist with other hardware or OS. Presently this is not the case with any of the OS's available, though Microsoft has set the standard for hindrance of this ideal. This settlement will allow Microsoft to continue to impose proprietary software code that will block entry by others in the software and hardware areas. Of course others could adopt these proprietary software code but Microsoft would then continue to prohibit any innovation that it would not see benefit its dominance of the market.

The present settlement has acquiesced to the demands of Microsoft and not of the people of the United States allowing with little to no penalty for this corporation to continue on with the charade which will allow them to eventually become the only alternative making it impossible without great cost and us economic impact to resolve. It is as if we have given GM the sole rights to the combustion engine so that all cars would be powered by what they conceived with only the others providing the different style exteriors. GM could then hold these motors from anyone who would not use new items that only it could provide. Moving a car though is not nearly as hard to overcome as the base OS of a computer since it interacts with all the hardware devices of a computer. I hope the representatives of we the people reconsider the resolution and require Microsoft to open up their OS to some form of non-proprietary standards.

Thanks  
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